



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 27

January Session, 2013



AN ACT PROMOTING THE PURSUIT OF EDUCATION BY RECIPIENTS OF ASSISTANCE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of
2 Social Services and the Labor Commissioner shall permit a recipient of
3 temporary family assistance to attend approved educational courses,
4 as described in subsection (b) of this section, to meet the requirements
5 of the recipient's employability plan, established pursuant to section
6 17b-689c of the general statutes, provided the state complies with
7 federal work participation requirements for the employment services
8 program established pursuant to section 17b-688c of the general
9 statutes.
- 10 (b) To the extent permissible under federal law, educational courses
11 of study which may be approved pursuant to subsection (c) of this
12 section as required employment activities for recipients of temporary
13 family assistance include, but are not limited to: (1) Two-year or four-
14 year college degree programs, and (2) high school graduate
15 equivalency degree or basic education programs for recipients
16 otherwise ineligible to enroll in such programs during their first
17 twenty weekly hours of required employment activities.
- 18 (c) The Labor Commissioner, in consultation with the Commissioner
19 of Social Services, shall implement policies and procedures to establish

20 (1) which degree programs may qualify as an approved employment
 21 activity, and (2) enrollment and academic requirements for students
 22 who are recipients of temporary family assistance. The Labor
 23 Commissioner shall implement such policies and procedures while in
 24 the process of adopting such policies and procedures in regulation
 25 form, provided the Labor Commissioner prints notice of intent to
 26 adopt the regulations in the Connecticut Law Journal not later than
 27 twenty days after implementing such policies and procedures. Policies
 28 and procedures implemented pursuant to this subsection shall be valid
 29 until the time final regulations are effective.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In section 1(a), "defined" was changed to "described" for accuracy; in section 1(b), "pursuant to subsection (c) of this section" was added after "approved" for clarity and in section 1(c) "them" was changed to "such policies and procedures" for clarity.

HS *Joint Favorable Subst.*